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ACTIVATE!

It's the moment we were all waiting for – the start of Series 4! And what a great start it was, with two massive battles between Chaos 2 and Atomic in Heat A. Our action pic shows Chaos flipping Atomic across the arena like a toy!

ROBOT WARS

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Greetings, robot fans, and welcome to the new-look Robot Wars Magazine. When I showed the old mag to the other house robots, we decided to trash it, and smash it, and start again – with more posters (of us), more pictures (of us) and stories (about us), comic strips and even some robot jokes (written by humans so they're not very funny). By the way, there's a brilliant feature starting on page 6. What's it about? The house robots of course!

Take care of your CPZ until next month.

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The very first heat of Series 4 – if things carry on like this it's going to be the best series yet!

HEAT A

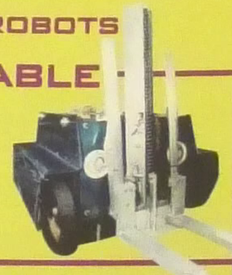
TRANSMISSION DATE
22/09/00

BLAST OFF!

"Atomic's top speed is 15mph – its current speed is about minus 10!"
JONATHAN PEARCE

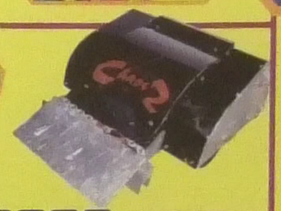
CONTESTANT ROBOTS

INDEFATIGABLE



ATOMIC

CHAOS 2



MEDUSA 2000

ATTILA THE DRUM

KING B3

ELIMINATOR 1

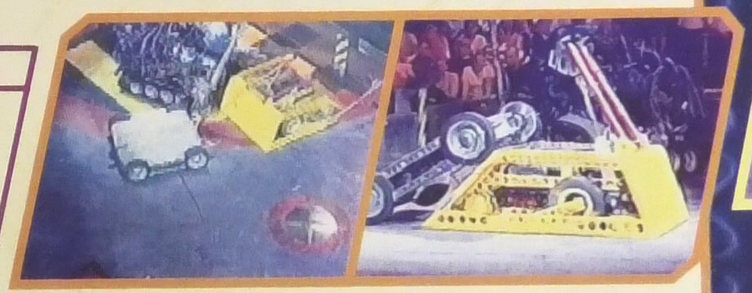
Atomic, Indefatigable and Chaos 2. In the very first eliminator (where three robots go into the arena), Chaos 2 starts flipping like crazy, and even throws Indefatigable out of the arena.

ELIMINATOR 2

Medusa 2000, Attila the Drum and King B3. A judges' decision has to be made – and Attila goes out. "We thought we did alright," say the team. "We even took on the house robots."

CHAOS 2 VS MEDUSA 2000

Medusa 2000 is flipped straight away, and "hopelessly outclassed" says Jonathan Pearce. It ends up getting its wheels chewed by Bash, then shoved in the pit by Sir K.



KING B3 VS ATOMIC

Atomic loses its flipping blade against the arena wall, but wins when King B3 finds it can't move, so Atomic shoves it against the grinders. And guess what – Sir K puts King B3 in the pit!

HEAT FINAL

CHAOS 2 VS ATOMIC

With its front flipper quickly welded back on, Atomic is at a disadvantage from the start. Chaos 2 doesn't waste any time, flipping Atomic all over the place before Sir K slices it to bits with his new big claw, and puts it in the pit. Jonathan Pearce says Chaos 2 seems "stronger, speedier and deadlier than ever", although George Francis claims they haven't made any changes to the champion robot.

SUMO BASHO

Contestant bots must last as long as possible against Shunt on the sumo mat without getting pushed off. Not a brilliant start to this tournament – Spawn stays 8.03 seconds, while Firestorm lasts just 4.21.

PINBALL

The contestant robots try to get as many points as possible – by going over ramps, letting balls loose and hitting targets. 101 does well, scoring 125. It gets 75 points alone for bravely getting to the target in Dead Metal's CPZ.

CRAIG'S SIGN-OFF

"You've seen strange things happen behind closed doors, but nothing's quite so wicked as Robot Wars"

If any contestant robot is stupid enough to sneak into a CRUZ, this is what they can expect...

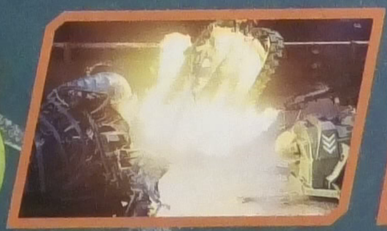
ATTACK!

SIR K likes to skewer a robot on his lance, lift it up, then spin round in a circle until the robot falls apart. If this isn't enough, he'll get the robot in his claw, crush it and drop it in the pit.

DEAD METAL will get a robot in its jaws and shove it against the grinders on the arena walls. While the grinders start cutting the robot to bits, Dead Metal will bring his blade up and over and try to cut it in half. Sometimes he holds a victim in place while Shunt axes it or Matilda saws it.

WHY DID THE ARENA FLOOD? BECAUSE OF ALL THE ROBOT TEARS

FACTOID SIR KILLALOT'S EYES ARE MADE FROM CHEAP BIKE LIGHTS!



MATILDA usually waits until the contestant robot is in the grip of the other house bots – then she moves in, spins round, and lets her chainsaw go to work.

SHUNT will shove a contestant bot onto the flipper and let it fly, and competes with Sir K to try and finish off the contestant robot – you will usually see the two of them trying to claw or hammer the poor bot before it disappears down the pit in an explosion of smoke.

SGT BASH won't wait for a robot to come into his CPZ – he can always be relied upon to be out and about with his flame thrower, particularly if a bot gets stuck on the flame grill, then he can really turn up the heat!

REFBOT is more likely to be seen breaking up fights rather than robots, or putting out fires. Hs doesn't have a weapon, so if a robot picks a fight with him, it will have the rest of the house robots to answer to!

IN THE PITS! LATEST RW NEWS

HERE'S CRAIG!

What's it like making Robot Wars?
It's great, but we have to start really early in the morning, until very late at night, back to the hotel, get a bit of kip, then you're back doing the same thing again the next day – it's hard work, but fun!

How are you getting on with the new presenter, Jules?
She's great. Philippa's not an easy person to replace. She's loved by the fans. Julia's doing a really good job.

Has the show changed much since you first started?
Owwww – it's totally different! The macralon arena and new camera systems are awesome. Robot Wars can only get better!

So it'll just keep on changing?
It'll probably get even more like WWF. Not just the robots fighting, but the contestants having a push and an argument every now and then. But at the moment everyone's so flaming nice!

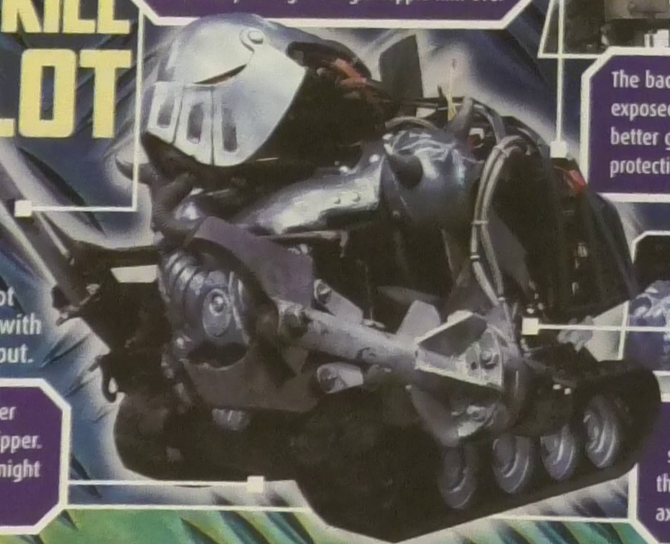
This is your fourth series – you must be a robot expert by now!
I'm actually writing a book called The History of Robots. Did you know that robots started off in 1926, in Czechoslovakia? There was a play called Robota. Robota was a man-made slave, kind of a robot. That's when robots were invented.

What's with the new shiny jacket?
This looks great on camera – and you can push it into any shape. It's knife-proof, like Kevlar. I wear it in case you tell the roboteer, "You've lost mate, the judges' decision has gone against ya!" – and he gets his pick-axe out!

What happened to your old leather jacket?
My son wears it now. It fits – and he's only 12!

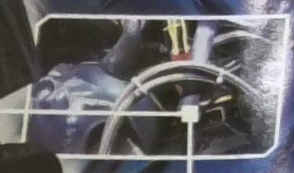
HOW TO KILL KILLALOT

In issue 5 we mentioned a couple of ways that the dreaded Sir K might be defeated. SInce then, visitors to the the Robot Wars website have come up with more ways of knocking him out.



Get your robot stuck on his lance. Seriously! Once Sir K starts spinning the bot round, if it is heavy enough it might topple him over

The back of Sir K is dangerou[illegible] exposed. Looks like Sir K h[illegible] better get some more protective armour, and fast!



There is plenty of room under the front of Sir K to put a flipper. If it's powerful enough we might just see Sir K in trouble

Sir K's main power switch is exposed behind the top of his left arm. An axe blow might stop him

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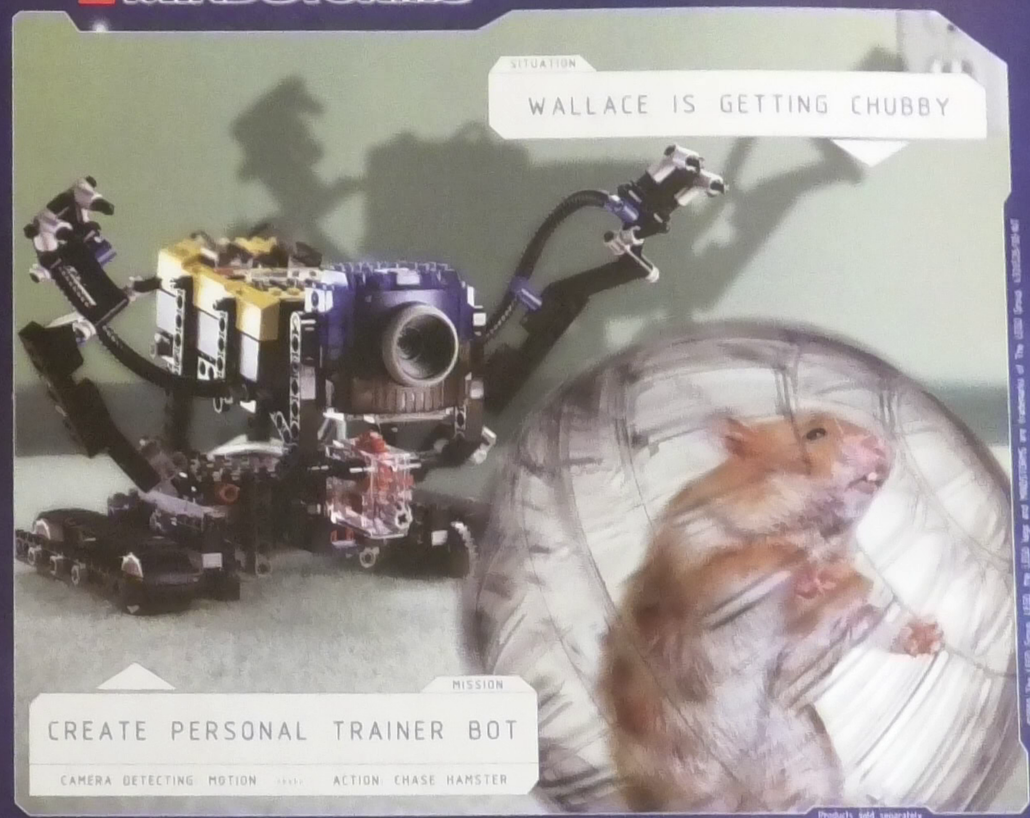

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GRUDGE MATCH

CHAOS 2 vs CASSIUS

THE ARENA, WHERE ROBOTS MEET TO SETTLE SCORES, AND FIGHT... TO THE DEATH!

SMALL, DEVIOUS, FAST AND LETHAL – CHAOS 2.

THREE – TWO –

FROM SERIES 2, CASSIUS WITH ITS FAMOUS SRIMECH*.

ONE!

"SELF-ROOTING" MECHANISM

SMASH!

FLOATS LIKE A BUTTERFLY, STINGS LIKE A BEE

CHAOS'S FLIPPER GETS STRAIGHT TO WORK.

CRUNCHHH!

THE GRINDERS HAVE STARTED – IS IT ALL OVER?

WHIZZZZZ!

NOT WHEN YOU'VE GOT A SRIMECH!

TIME FOR CASSIUS TO USE BRUTE FORCE...

RRRRR!

RRRRR!

PIT! PIT! PIT!

CHAOS 2 IS IN TROUBLE!

BUT CHAOS 2'S WHEELS GRIP IN THE NICK OF TIME AND...

CASSIUS IS TRAPPED IN DEAD METAL '19 CP2*!

FLIPPP!

*CORNER PATROL ZONE

VICTORY TO CHAOS 2 – AND DESTRUCTION TO CASSIUS!

SCREEE! KRKKK! VRRRRRD!

ROBOT WARS CLUB

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POCKET BOTS

At long last, they're here! We've hardly got any work done in the club offices this month because we've been playing with the brilliant new RW toys that are in the shops. Hunt them down!

LOG ON!

The Robot Wars website just keeps getting better and better. If you join the Backroom, you'll have access to hundreds of photos all the way back to the first series and the latest stats and results. Soon, only club members will be able to visit the 'Access Restricted' pages with heat run-downs, so join up for free today!

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A to Z CONTESTANT ROBOTS

S is for SUICIDAL TENDENCIES

Charles Binns and the Jeffrey brothers are old pals of RWM, ever since they invited us down to Brighton and scared some grannies by showing their bots on the beach (see Issue 2). Their seeded bot has been improved for Series 4 with an axe weapon (shock horror), a srimech, new tracks and extra panelling.

t is for THERMIDOR

One of the best-looking Series 3 robots, this has undergone some big changes for the new series. It now has a flipper between its front claws, and is extra nippy, thanks to less weight. Avoid this bot or find yourself in very hot water!

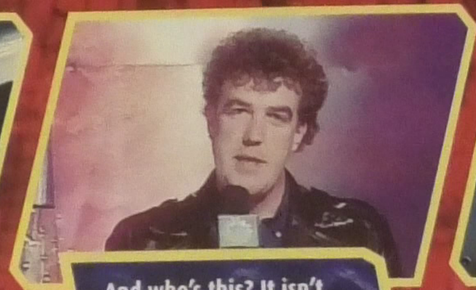
U is for ULTOR

Winner of two fights in their heat in Series 3, the Ultor boys took a bashing from Big Brother. RWM would like to say Ultor is a very odd-looking robot!

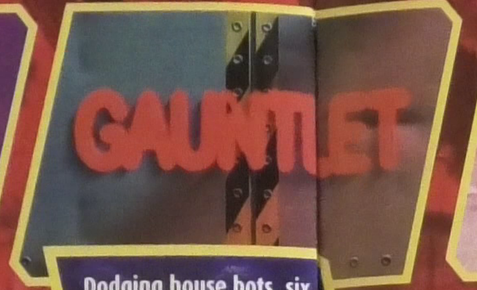
We remember a day that changed the world – the very first episode of Robot Wars Series 1 on BBC2

THE FIRST EVER WAR

You won't recognise the first ever episode of RW – for a start, look at Bash!

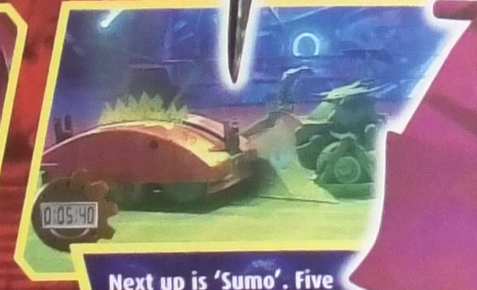


And who's this? It isn't Craig – it must be Series 1 presenter Jeremy Clarkson

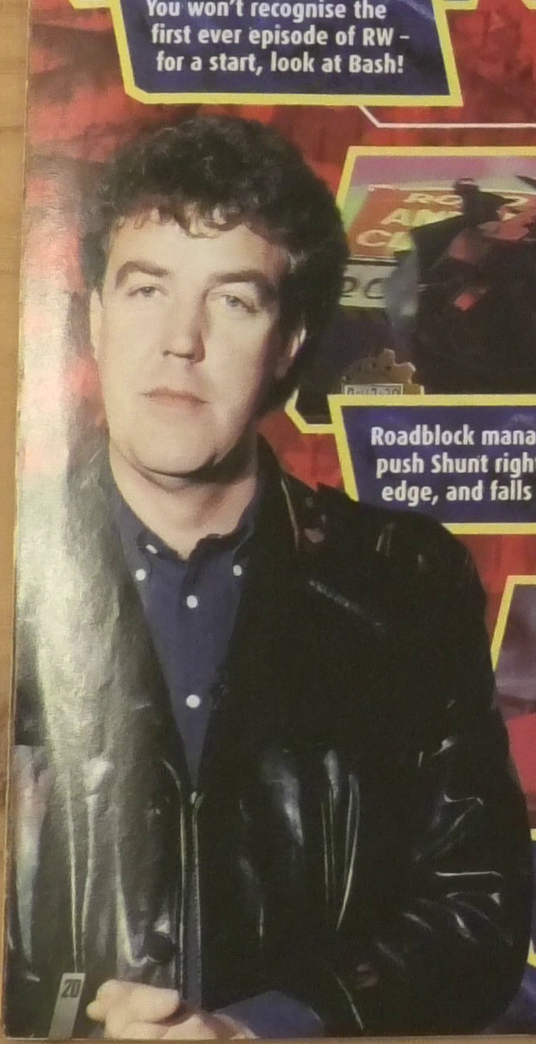


Dodging house bots, six robots have to run 'The Gauntlet'. One goes ou

Roadblock is the first ever competitor, and knocks down everything in sight!



Next up is 'Sumo'. Five bots take on Shunt, and again, one is eliminated



Roadblock manages to push Shunt right off the edge, and falls off himself

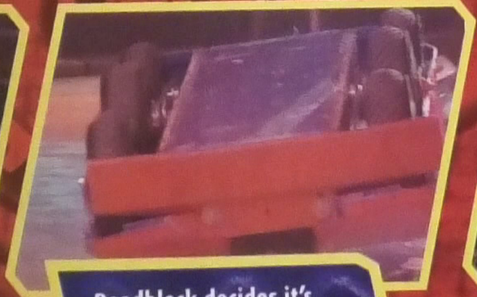
Four bots left, and semi-final one sees Roadblock shredding Nemesis

Sgt Bash can't resist setting fire to the furry fella, and Roadblock wins

The second semi-final sees Killertron pick-axing to the max against poor Shogun

Ever wondered what happened to Bash's blade? He tried to saw Killertron

The first ever final, and evil Killertron takes a piggy-back on Roadblock



Roadblock decides it's time to end the fun, and puts Killertron on its back

Philippa congratulates the Roadblock team – who go on to win the whole series

TOP CAT!

PUSSYCAT

Team Members: Robin Herrick, David Gribble, Robert Bittington
From: Gloucester
Weight: 81.6 kg
Dimensions: 95 x 56 x 73cm
Clearance: Variable
Power: 2 x 750w motors
Weapons: Fast spinning diamond edged saw
Notes: Disqualified from Series 3 for using an illegal hardened steel blade which shattered in the arena
Special Feature: Cannot be flipped – will keep going whichever way up it is

MAZAKARI

Body: Aluminium armour turned inside out to get a smooth surface
Weapon: Similar to Hypno-Disc's. 70cm in diameter. Sections cut out to reduce weight, with blades bolted onto the disc. Driven using a large car starter motor
Special Feature: Solid steel wheels made from the bottoms of gas canisters with metal grips attached, and a flat plate welded on to hold the wheels to the axle

THE MORGUE

Body: Polycarbonate base, steel chassis with a tough Kevlar body shell
Weapon: 3mm aluminium checker plate shunter with welded spiked fork
Special Feature: Will roll back the right way up if turned over

COMPETITION

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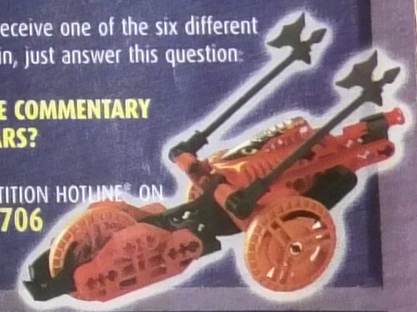

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Heat B of Series 4 saw the arrival of some old faces and new faces

HEAT B

TRANSMISSION

DATE 29/09/00

TOOTH & CLAW!

"Robochicken is all out of cluck!"

JONATHAN PEARCE

CONTESTANT ROBOTS

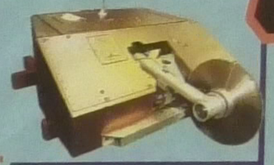
ROBOCHICKEN

RAZER

VELOCIRIPPA

MILLY-ANN BUG

REPTIRRON



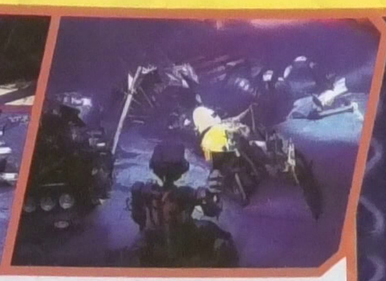
PUSSYCAT

ELIMINATOR 1

Robochicken, Velocirippa, and Razer. Razer is on fine form, heading for Robochicken and giving it a good munching. But it's Velocirippa that's flipped and eliminated.

ELIMINATOR 2

Milly-Ann Bug, Reptirron, and Pussycat. Reptirron is an early victim of this fight, when Pussycat cuts its fuel lines and Sgt Bash sets it on fire. "Meow wow wow!" cries Jonathan Pearce.



RAZER VS MILLY-ANN BUG

Milly-Ann Bug doesn't stand much of a chance against the mighty Razer. Sure enough, it's quickly mashed and trashed by the deadly claw. Then the house bots get stuck in!

PUSSYCAT VS ROBOCHICKEN

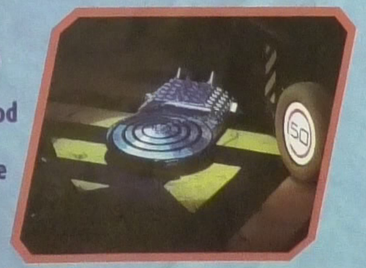
The Chicken puts up a brave fight as it is slowly cut to ribbons by Razer. First one of its eyes is sawn off, then its body armour is torn to shreds, and then the house robots move in to finish it off.

SUMO BASHO

Diotoir manages the worst time so far in the tournament! It's pushed off almost straight away by Shunt in a rubbish 3.95 seconds. Onslaught shows how it should be done by lasting 17 seconds as it dodges around Shunt - the best time so far by a long way.

PINBALL

It's Hypno-Disc's turn, and even though the dreaded disc isn't being used, the robot has a good run, knocking down plenty of barrels and taking on the house robots. It scores 135 points, putting it at the top of the score chart. But for how long?



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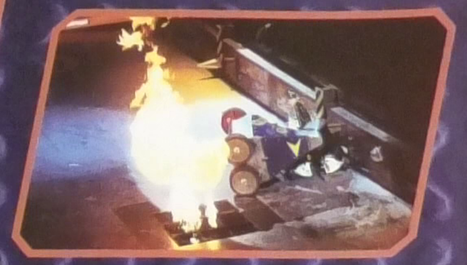
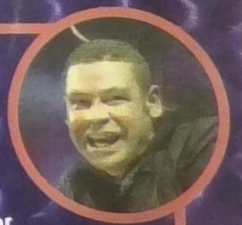


PUSSYCAT VS RAZER

The Razer boys look confident, while the Pussycat team admit they are scared stiff! However, early on in the fight, Razer seems to get stuck on the arena wall, leaving Pussycat free to saw away! The Razer team blame mechanical failure again, and only two of them can face the after-match interview! Pussycat go through in a major series 4 upset.

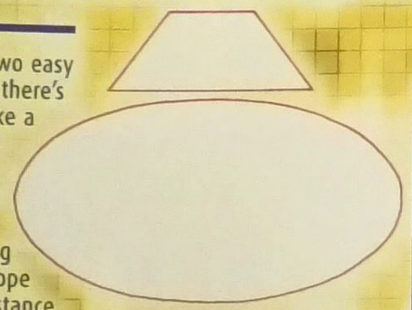
CRAIG'S SIGN-OFF



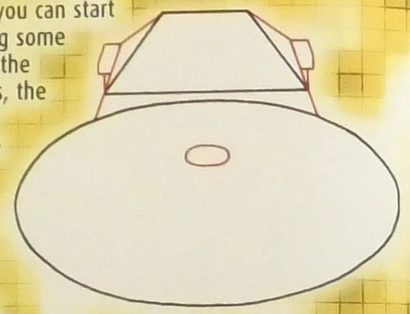
"You can ask for robot presents from Santa Claus, but you'd better beg for mercy from Robot Wars!"

HYPNO-DISC

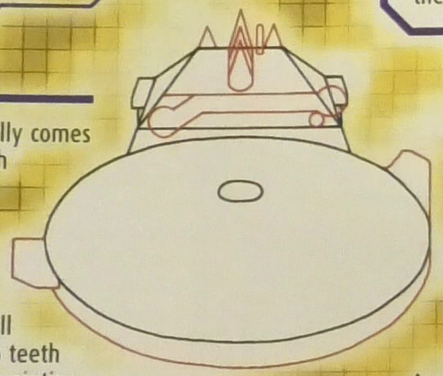
1 Begin with two easy shapes. First there's the disc (a bit like a 'squashed' circle because it's coming towards you). Then there's the oblong body. Its sides slope away into the distance.



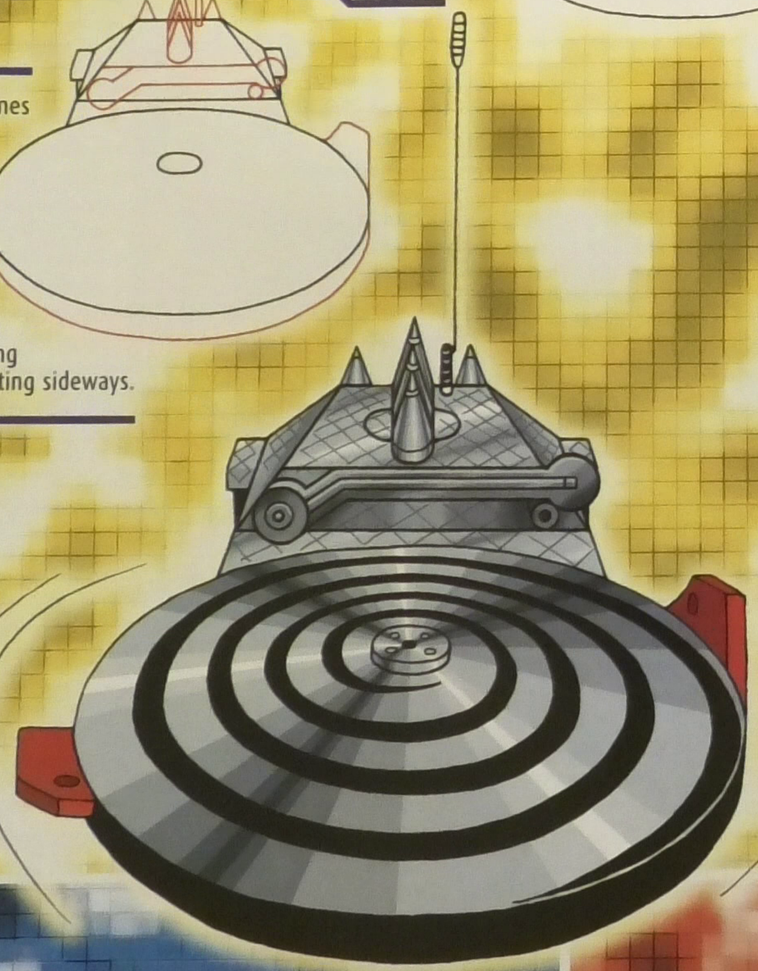
2 Now you can start adding some features like the wheel guards, the sides of the body and the hub of the disc in the middle of the blade.



3 Hypno really comes to life with these important details. You'll need to make sure the spikes, antenna base and srimech are all there and the two teeth on the disc – one pointing upwards, the other pointing sideways.



4 A few finishing touches will round off your masterpiece. Put tips on the spikes, the famous swirl on the disc and a few quick 'motion lines' to make it look like the blade is whizzing round.



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ROBOT WARS

JULIA REED

Lucky Christian Bridge won the RWM/Eidos competition to join the Panic Attack team for Series 4. This is what happened.

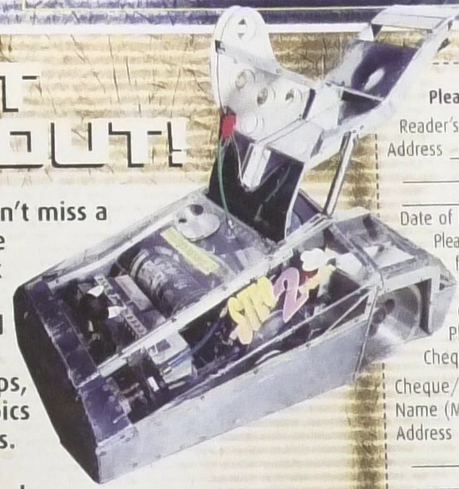
"I WAS A ROBOTEER!"

When I found out I had won the competition, I was over the moon – Panic Attack are my favourite team (along with Diotoir!).

I travelled with Kim and Michael Davies to the studios. First we had to get Panic Attack weighed and have a team photo taken. The atmosphere was brilliant – all the roboteers helped each other out before their battles. It was noisy when the battles were on, with bangs and crashes coming from the arena.

The next day, we had our first battle. We were interviewed by Julia before going up to our box. I was really excited – it was fantastic seeing the house robots in real life and hearing the crowd and then "Roboteers, stand-by... 3-2-1 ACTIVATE!" Suddenly, it was happening. I realised just how good a driver Kim is. It seemed to be over very quickly and they called "Cease!" Then we were on the balcony with Craig to have the result announced... but I can't tell you what it was!

DON'T FLIP OUT!



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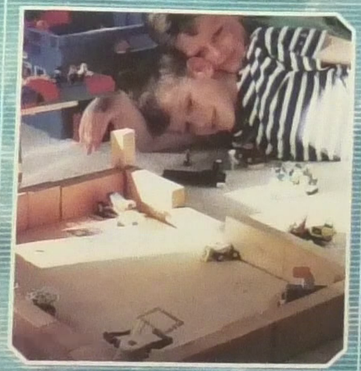
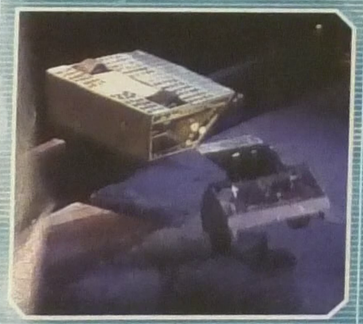
Every letter we print receives a Thunderbirds clock from Wesco (www.wesco.ltd.uk), so you'll always know when it's time to turn the telly on for Robot Wars!

from Dan Clifton
I was thinking of building a robot that has two harpoon guns tethered to it. Would this be allowed?
We asked chief house roboteer Chris Reynolds and he said, "Not o-fish-ally."



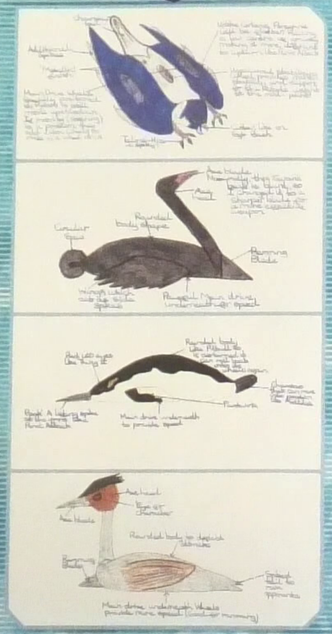
from James and Robert Drew
We thought you'd like to see this picture of our RW arena that we built out of Lego.
You've both done a good job – you know what they say – two heads are better than one.



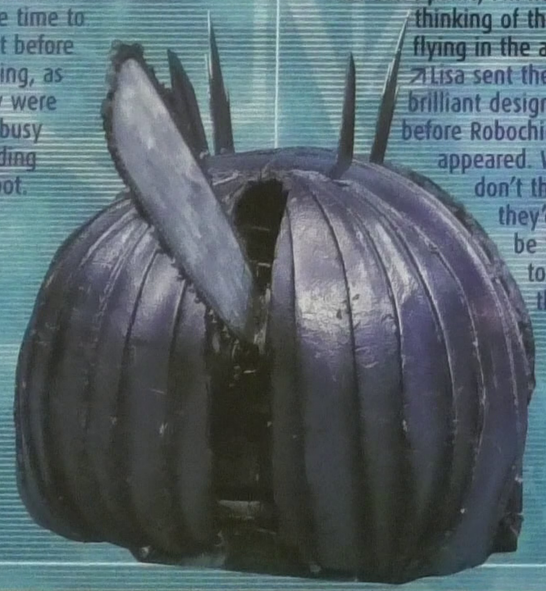
from Rupert Thompson
I'm not as keen on the new Series 4 arena, because now it is totally enclosed it means that robots can't be flipped out anymore.
Don't worry, there's still a gap between the edge of the arena and the glass for a robot to be dumped into.

Ten year-old Daniel Trience sent in this brilliant picture of the maddest robot fight ever.

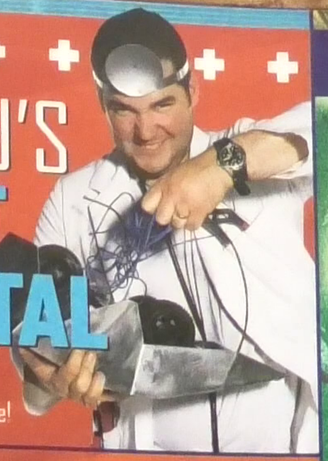
from Caerwyd Sandhu
In Issue 5 you said that Matilda had a new disc weapon to replace her chainsaw. When I went to the last day of filming she didn't have one. Why?
There were plans to fit Matilda with a new weapon, but the house roboteers didn't have time to do it before filming, as they were too busy building Refbot.



from Lisa J Newman
I've never seen a 'bird' robot grace Robot Wars. It's inspired me to think of my own designs – but don't panic, I'm not thinking of them flying in the arena!
Lisa sent these brilliant designs in before Robochicken appeared. We don't think they'd be 'cheep' to build, though!



DR ZULU'S ROBOT HOSPITAL



Got a robot problem?
Ask Diotoir's Dr Zulu for advice!

Dear Doctor Zulu,
I am going to win the next wars, but I don't know if I will be able to cope with the fame and fortune. How do you deal with it?
Zulu says: Are you sure you're watching the right show? It's the robots that get all the fame and the only fortune involved is the one you spend building your robot. If it's fame and fortune you want, date a spice girl.

Dear Doctor Zulu,
Out of Sumo, Pinball, Gauntlet and all the other games, which is the toughest?
Zulu says: The toughest game in Robot Wars is trying to get past the weighing scales on the way into the pits.

Dear Doctor Zulu,
I'm scared that when I get out in front of an audience, I will get too nervous to control my robot properly. Do you have any tips?
Zulu says: Don't worry about being too nervous to control your robot, you should be more worried about controlling your bodily functions. It's a sorry sight to see a roboteer squelching back from the arena.

That's it for now. Keep those problems coming in to RWM's e-mail or mail addresses. Trust me – I'm a doctor, after all! Visit the Team Diotoir website at www.diotoir.com

SYSTEM CHECK

Read the whole mag? Reckon you're a bit of a robot expert? Then see if you can answer these questions (answers on the right)!

1. Who fought Chaos 2 in the Heat A final?
2. Who's got Craig's old jacket?
3. Who made a guest appearance on the first show of series 4?
4. Who won the fantasy Grudge Match?
5. Which city is Pussycat from?

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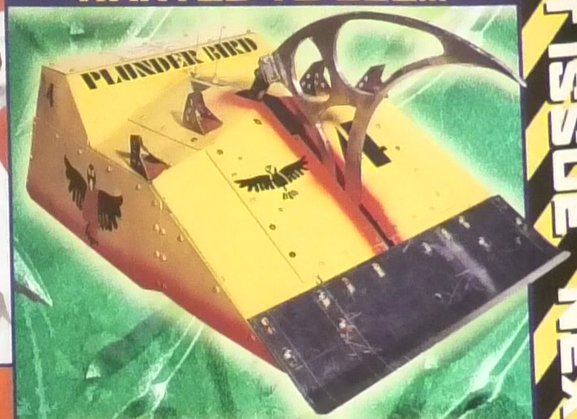
1 Atomic
2 His son
3 Philippa
4 Chaos 2
5 Gloucester

THE BATTLE YOU ALL WANTED TO SEE...



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CEASE!

One of the greatest fights of all time? Yes! When Pussycat met Razer in the Heat B final, who really expected the total carnage that followed?